

Clairemont
Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 16, 2025

Prelude *Prelude* Cesar Franck Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome

Gathering Hymn *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise - ELW 834*

The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *Shout to the Lord – ELW 821*

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** **P** Let us pray.

C God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 – ELW 346

1 My light, my Sav - ior is the
 2 Though hos - tile tents en - cir - cle
 3 For he, when times of trou - ble

Lord, Of whom should I have an - y
 me, My heart will ne - ver be dis -
 come, Shall hide me in his se - cret

fear? He is the strong - hold of my
 mayed; Though war rise up a - gainst my
 place, And set me high u - pon a

life, Whom shall I dread if he is near?
 life, I will trust God, not be a - fraid.
 rock A - bove my foes and keep me safe.

Lessons: Philippians 3:17—4:1

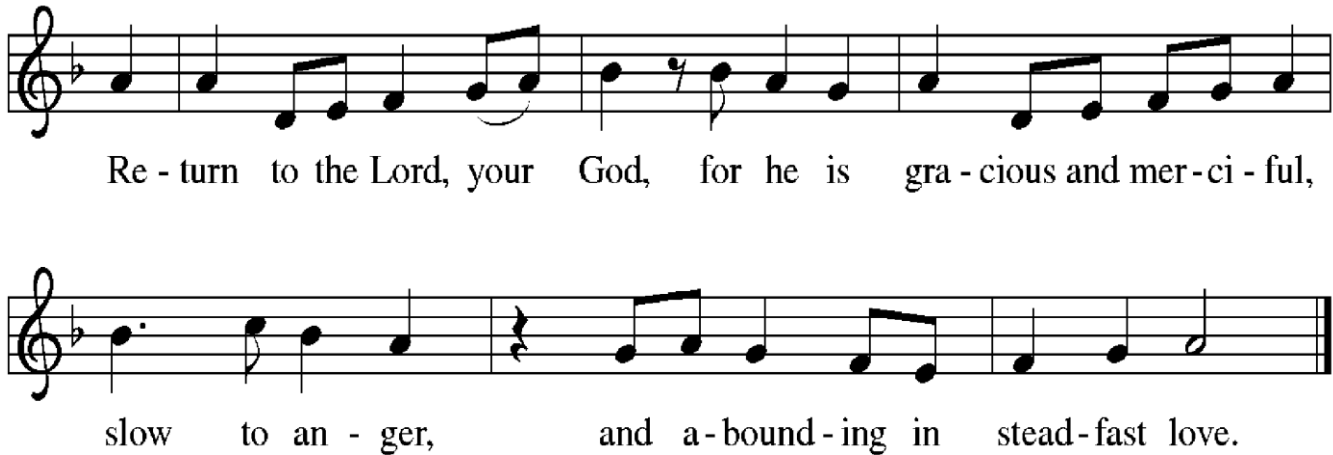
¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Return to the Lord – ELW p. 151

(please stand)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Response after the conclusion of the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less - ELW - 597*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

Offering

Anthem *When the Lord is My Light* - Michael Sandvick
Sanctuary Choir

The Offering Prayer *(please stand)*

C Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God - ELW p.154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion will be around the altar. Please form a single line in the center aisle to come up to communion, go up the steps to the altar, if you prefer, you may go to communion at the station on the floor by the pulpit. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

Communion Voluntary *Cantabile* Cesar Franch

Charles F. von Gunten

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

C Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing (please stand)

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Bless Now O God the Journey – ELW 326*

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Benediction* Sigfried Karg-Elert

Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Reader: Gary Lange

Communion Assistants: Carol Nichols, Harriet Morris, Holly Boyle, Rita Leatherman

Welcome Team: Harriet Carmona, Renée Shepherd, Holly Boyle

Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen, Jeff Archer

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

Remember in Prayer: Sandy McCauley, Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Sue Brennecke, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee & Carol Shigley, Maria Medrano, Teresa Muñoz, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Renée Shepherd, Lynn Ten Eyck, Bob Logan, Myra Brandt, and all the homebound members.

Pulpit and Lecturn flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tim & Lisa Neal in celebration of 31 wonderful years of marriage.

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and the Gospel of Luke 13:1-9.

During Lent for CCSA we will collect canned fruit and vegetables. These items are included in the grocery bag of staple food given to clients. There will be a designated spot in the narthex to leave the donated items. Your support for our community partner is appreciated.

The Clarion Deadline is March 20th. Please email your article send to Harriet Morris @ harrietmorris@cox.net

A Lenten Soup signup sheet is in the Narthex. If you can, please support our Lenten meals by signing up to bring soup, bread, or crackers Wednesday evening during Lent for the dates of March 19th, 26th, April 2nd, & 9th. We will eat from 6 - 6:45 p.m, and then gather in the chapel for a Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Thank you for your support in volunteering for our Lenten meals! You may register for as many spots as you would like. If you have any questions, please call the office or email Tanya clc@clairemontlc.com

Africa Empowering children: Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in schools for food and boarding. This past year has been a struggle. Our food was swept away during this season's rains. Nick has traveled to study more about irrigation and how to practice it here in our community. He is in Arizona for a few months with the help of Ox Farm America which helps farmers and nonprofit organizations learn new techniques for food security. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.



The Zoom studies for the Gospel readings for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks are on Mondays at 4:00pm. You can contact Bill Fredericks at william.h.fredericks@gmail.com

Music Notes: The choir anthem, *When the Lord is My Light*, is based on Psalm 27:1 and Isaiah 26;4, 43:2 and 55:6 is an exciting and dramatic message of courage. The text of the gathering hymn, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, was written by Walter Chalmers Smith, who was born in Aberdeen Scotland in 1824. The tune, St. Denio, was paired with this text by Ralph Vaughn Williams. The two have been associated ever since! As a contrast, the text and tune of the hymn of praise, *Shout to the Lord*, were written by Darlene Zschech (b. 1965). She sang, danced, and produced commercials for McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Special K cereal and Diet Coke. She is worship pastor at Hillsong Church in Sydney Australia.

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Monday March 17

4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom
5-6pm Glee Choir,
6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir,
7:30-8:45pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday March 18

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Ash Wednesday March 19

4pm Stephen Ministry
6:00pm Soup dinner,
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday March 20

7:00am Sandwich ministry
5:30 Cherub Choir

Friday March 21

8am-12pm Food Distribution

Sunday March 23

5:30pm San Diego Choristers Guild Presents:
annual Children's and Youth Choir Festival!

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SUNDAY MARCH 23

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Featuring Childrens' Director Nancy Shirley,
and Youth Choir Director Nancy Gray



This is a FREE event, with a goodwill offering gratefully accepted

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